Testimony of Carl Canizares, C&A Market In Opposition to House Bill 5387 March 4, 2014

Dear Public Safety and Security Committee Members,

KENO was passed last year to be included in the budget as a money maker. The idea was to create revenue and jobs for the state. Instead we are now hearing that the state does not need the revenue.

There has been no lottery commission increase since 1970. The only added revenue for a retailer has been through new games. Stores have made future plans based on the understanding that KENO was only a matter of time. Now it appears that the legislature and the governor are listening to the naysayers. There is no consistency in the legislature. You pass bills and then you look to repeal the same bills. Businesses need certainty in order to properly plan.

KENO should be allowed to be offered and let the individual buyer make their own choices.

Sincerely, Carl Canizares C&A Market 1088 Orange Ave West Haven, CT 06516